

Topic: Love the Greatest Lover with Uns
Text: **Luke 10:27a**
Theme: “Lavish the Greatest Lover with an unwavering, unshakable, unconditional, and unqualified love”

INTRODUCTION

- Heart, soul, strength, and mind represent the totality of our being. And that is how we are commanded to love God, according to Luke 10:27 and Deuteronomy 6:5.
- LOVE is one of the greatest emotions that God has expressed towards His people. He created us for this reason. He is an emotional Being who loves us SUPERLATIVELY.
- God loves us first, and this is the reason why we are capable of loving.
- Only a handful of Christians are aware that our love for God should top the who-to-love list of our life. We ought to love the Lord with the totality of our being with Unwavering, Unshakable, Unconditional, and Unqualified love.
- It sounds difficult to do, but we can! Jesus will not require us to do something that we are not capable of doing. Mums will not ask their babies to mow the lawn at his age now, nor they would ask their teenage kids to pay for house mortgage.

I. LOVE JESUS WITH ALL OUR BEING (JOHN 21:15-17)

John 21:15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

V16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

V17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

A. Jesus longs for a true love

1. "Truly love" in vv 15, 16 is "agapao" in Greek, meaning ardent, supreme, perfect.
2. "Love" in vv 15, 16 (Peter's answer) is phileo in Greek, meaning to like, be fond of, friendship or brotherly love.

John 21:15

"Simon son of John, do you truly love (agapao) me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love (phileo) you." (NIV)

`Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?'

He said, `Yes, Lord. You know that I like you. I am your friend.' (WE)

John 21:16 (NIV/WE)

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love (agapao) me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love (phileo) you." (NIV)

`Simon, son of John, do you love me?'

Peter said, `Yes, Lord. You know that I like you. I am your friend.' (WE)

John 21:17 (NIV/WE)

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love (phileo) me?"

He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love (phileo) you." (NIV)

`Simon son of John, do you like me?'

Peter was sad because of the way Jesus asked him the third time. So he answered him, `Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you as a close friend.' (WE)

II. LOVE JESUS WITH ALL OBEDIENCE

John 14:15 If you love me, you will obey what I command.

V21a Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.

V23a Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching."

- Obedience is an acid test for all Christians. This is the stage where most Christians struggle, including Paul, and myself.
- No wonder Paul said in 1 Timothy 1:15 **“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”**

As Paul said in Romans 7:14-25 (NLT) **“The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin.**

I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.

... it is sin living in me that does it.

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't.

I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong

I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?

Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

A. If we love and obey Jesus, He will give us the Counselor forever. (John 14:16)

1. Comforter is “parakletos” in Greek, meaning One who is called to the side of another for help or counsel.
2. The HS is our Paraclete or Helper and Intercessor on earth while Jesus is the Paraclete or Helper and Intercessor in Heaven.
3. The HS is like our Coach, He guides us, teaches us, He comforts us, He leads us, He directs us but doesn't stop us to disobey God.
4. When we start disobeying Jesus, the HS slowly walks away until the anointing is lost in our lives.
5. When the anointing is lost, our love for the Lord goes down the drain.

6. **Without the anointing:** 1) the preaching loses its punch, it becomes stale; 2) the song leading loses its zest, it becomes purely entertainment; 3) the Christian witness loses its credibility, it becomes genuine hypocrisy; 4) the Christian walk loses its stamina and it becomes a worldly exercise.

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

B. If we love and obey Jesus, the Father and the Son will live with us. (John 14:23)

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

1. When you become born again, where does Jesus live?
2. When we become born again, what becomes of our body?
3. But, when we love and obey Jesus, who will live with us? (The Father, the Son, and the HS making our body as His temple.)

1 Corinthians 2:9

However, as it is written:

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"*